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Subject: Frequency problems for Slovenian radio stations in Primorska as a result of Italy's use of the radio spectrum in contravention of the rules

For a number of years Italy has been using the radio spectrum in contravention of international agreements and the rules of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU). Not only are Italian radio stations transmitting on frequencies allocated under international agreements to Slovenia, Italian courts even allow them to sue Slovenian radio stations transmitting on correctly allocated frequencies. Most seriously affected are Slovenian residents living near the border, who find it difficult to listen to Slovenian radio stations broadcasting content in the Slovenian language, and in future may even be prevented from doing so.

What action does the Commission intend to take with respect to Article 9 of Framework Directive 2002/21/EC on a common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services, which requires Member States to comply with the relevant international agreements, including the ITU Radio Regulations?